Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur).*—Can you get a caste-war statement of the remaining appointments?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—There is no objection.

Previous acting service—Staff Selection Board—consideration of.

42. **Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan** *(Wadakkancheri.)*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether in the matter of appointments made by the Staff Selection Board they have been uniformly following the rule of giving preference to the candidates from each community who had any previous acting service;

(b) if the answer to (a) is in the affirmative, whether longer service had been preferred to shorter service ;

(c) if the answer to (a) or (b) or both is in the negative, the reasons for so doing?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—

(a) and (b) Yes.

(c) Does not arise.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Wadakkancheri).*—Can we take it, Sir, that in none of the Departments of the State service governed by the Staff Selection Board new recruits have been appointed while there were persons belonging to a particular community having acting service at the time of the appointment. Is the Government in a position to say definitely that there has been no such case?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar *(Secretary to Government).*—There have been no such cases.

Permanent hands appointed to acting posts carrying salary below Rs. 100—particulars regarding.

43. **Mr. A. Narayana Menon** *(Vyttila).*—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(1) the number of permanent hands appointed for acting posts carrying salary below Rs. 100 and the names of such officers;

(2) what was the salary that each was drawing on the date of the appointment for the acting vacancies?

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